

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward Korompai on 4/9/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, after the last formula on the second page of the claim (--CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂--)) please delete ";" and insert therefore "and".

In claim 6, please insert "at least one of " after "further comprises".

The amendment to claim 1 inserted the necessary word "and" into the Markush group claimed. The amendment to claim 6 was made to clarify that R₁ does not require both a C₁ to C₅ alkylene *and* mixtures thereof.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant claims are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art, as there is no teaching or suggestion of a polyamine as claimed having one of the specific R₁ structures as shown. The Examiner notes that the language "wherein the R₁ may further comprise a group selected from the group consisting of: C₁ to C₅ alkylene..." reflects a polyamine that may be present in the composition in addition to that required by the R₁ group as previously defined. In other words, the composition must contain at least one polyamine having one of the three formula shown on the bottom of the first page of claim 1 through the second page of claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret G. Moore whose telephone number is 571-

272-1090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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